



City of Biggs

Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: February 28, 2011 6:00PM

DATE: February 24, 2011
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Pete Carr, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Truck Routes (Discussion/Action)

City administrator will present and discuss the city's current truck route map and issues therewith.

Background:

Biggs has established truck routes, most of which have indicating signage; we have 19 truck route signs, and one "No Trucks" sign. The Circulation Element of the Biggs General Plan describes B and E Street as truck routes (pgs. 2-10 and 2-11). City Hall maintains a map with more routes depicted based on a 1983 Resolution. Signs on B and E prohibit truck parking.

When residents complain to city hall about truck traffic and parking, staff is not able to provide affirmative assistance given the current lack of clarity and authority.

In addition to routes depicted on the map, actual practice seems to be use of Seventh from B to Bannock to Sixth, Sixth from E south, and Ninth and Tenth from Bannock to B. Resident complaints to city hall have come primarily from Ninth and Tenth Streets.

It should be noted that SunWest truck traffic currently tends to enter and exit the facility from Eighth and from West Bannock, but by the end of this year is expected to primarily enter and exit from West Biggs Gridley Road.

Staff recommends clarifying and updating by Resolution the city's establishment of truck routes and truck parking areas. Using the existing map as a basis, staff recommends:

Adding:

- Seventh from E to Bannock
- Bannock from Seventh to Sixth

Deleting:

- Ninth from B to Bannock
- Eighth south of Bannock (not city property)

Attachments:

Resolution No. 21 from 1983
Biggs Planning Department Truck Route Map
Circulation Diagram: City of Biggs
Excerpt from Biggs Municipal Code
Excerpt from California Vehicle Code

Recommendation:

Consider existing and recommended routes as noted, direct staff. Changes to truck route should be by Resolution or Ordinance, followed by appropriate signage as well as memos to industrial businesses and public safety officials.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown, depends on amount of staff work and signage required, probably several hundred dollars.

RESOLUTION NO. 21
(1983 Series)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BIGGS DESIGNATING CERTAIN STREETS AS TRUCK ROUTES
IN THE CITY OF BIGGS.

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council that
in accordance with Ordinance No. 124 that certain streets are hereby
designated as truck routes as follows:

1. "E" Street between the Easterly City limits line
and Eighth Street.
2. All of "B" Street.
3. Bannock Street between Eighth Street and Biggs-Gridley
Road.
4. Second Street between "B" and "E" Streets.
5. Fourth Street between "B" Street and the Northerly
City Limits line.
6. Sixth Street between "B" Street and the Southerly City
Limits line.
7. Eighth Street between Bannock Street and the Northerly
City Limit line.
8. Ninth Street between Bannock Street and "B" Street.
9. Biggs-Gridley Road between "B" Street and Southerly
City Limits line.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and upon
proper signs being installed upon the streets so designated as
truck routes. The Director of Public Works shall erect said signs
forthwith.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing RESOLUTION was duly
and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City
of Biggs at the regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of
September, 1983 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Smith, Hicks, Thebach, McDonald

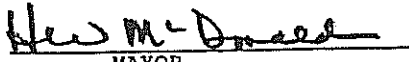
NOES: COUNCILMEN None

ABSENTS: COUNCILMEN Callaway

ATTEST:

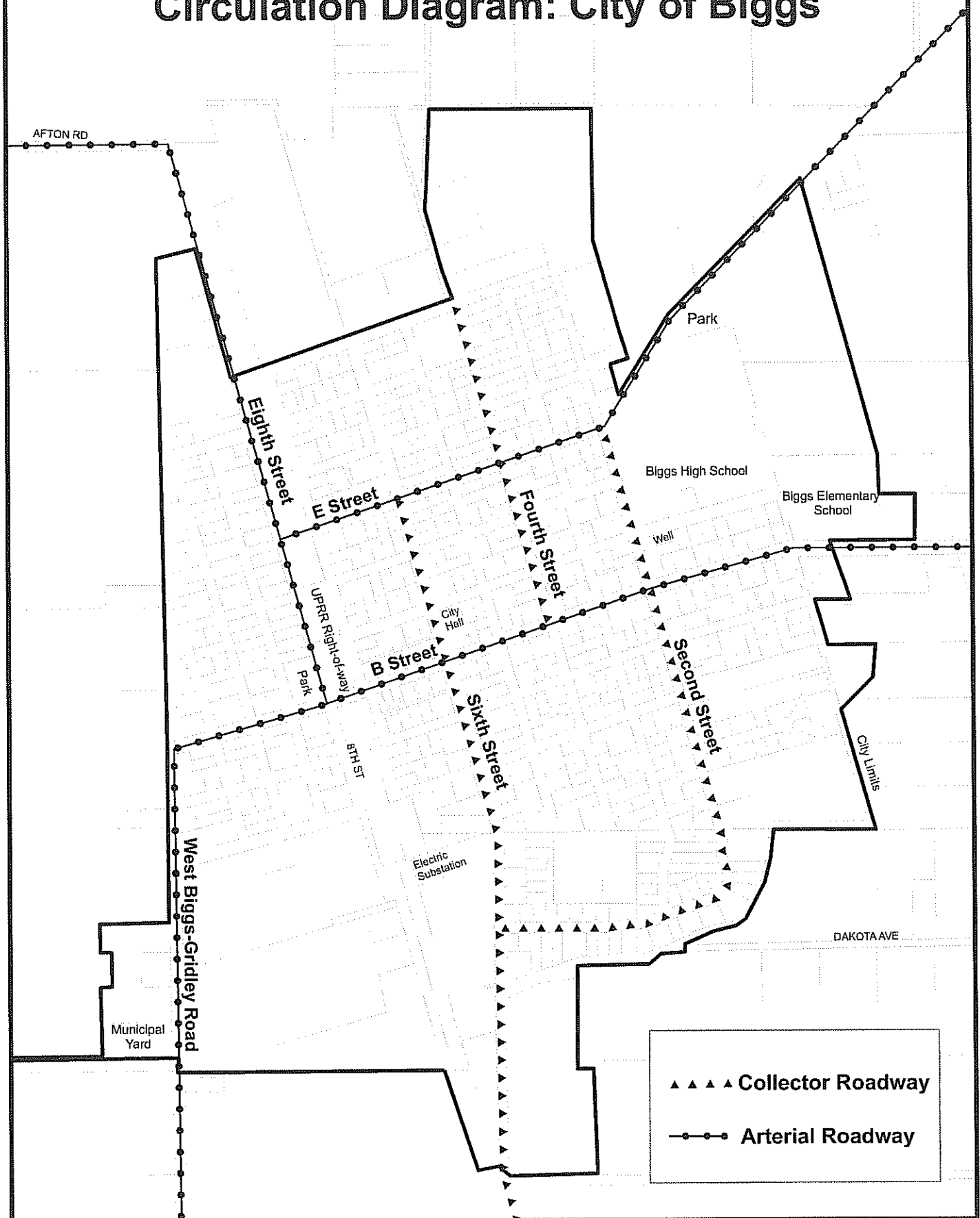

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APPROVED:


MAYOR

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Circulation Diagram: City of Biggs



Truck Route Map

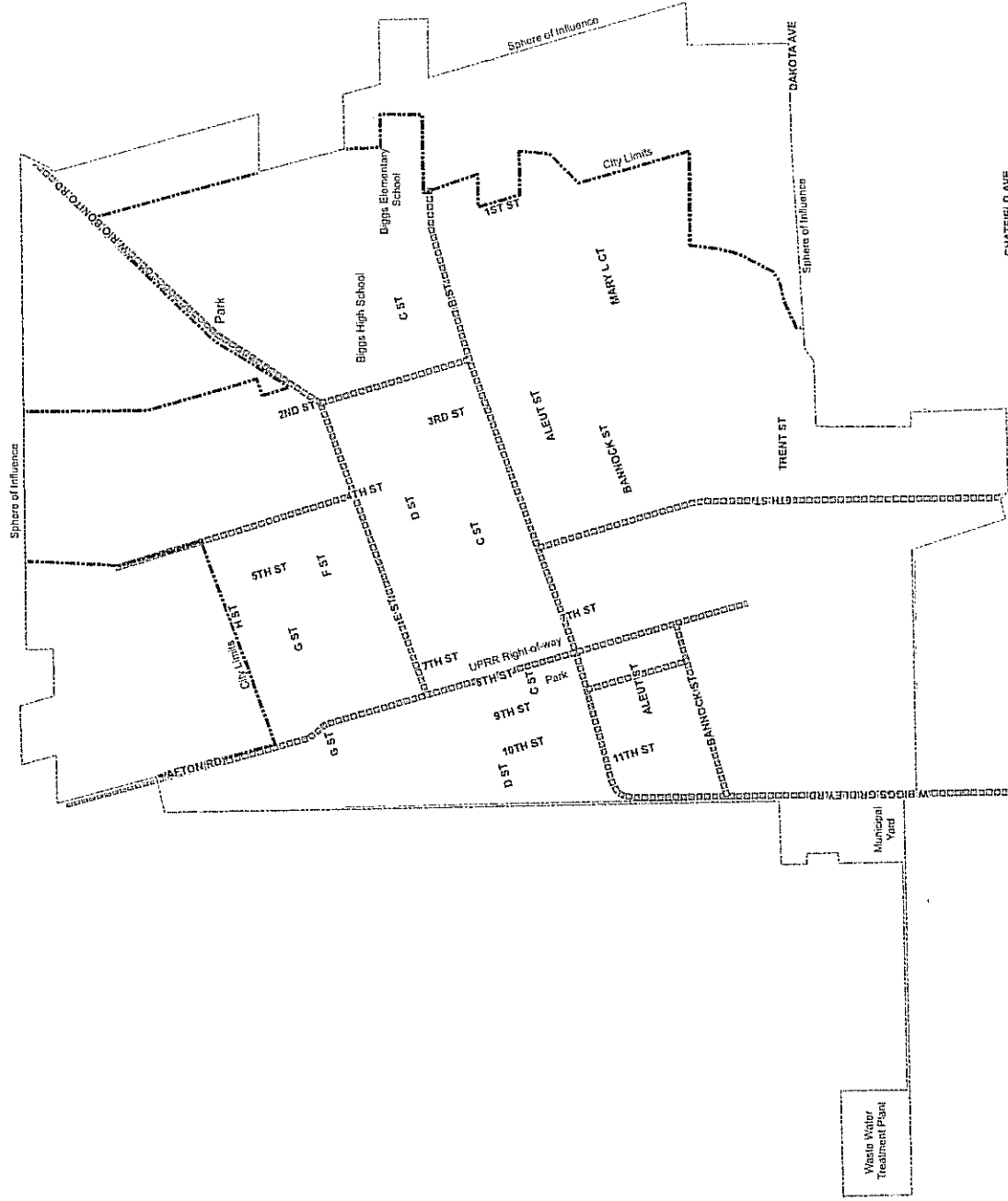
City Limits
Sphere of Influence
Truck Route

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Excerpt from Biggs Municipal Code:

8.35.020 Truck routes – Signposting.

Whenever any ordinance or resolution of this city designates any streets or combination of streets in the city of Biggs as a truck route, the director of public works shall maintain signs giving notice thereof in appropriate places in accordance with the Vehicle Code (see Vehicle Code Sections 21101 and 21103). No such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in first place, indicating the direction of lawful travel. [Ord. 284 § 1, 1989; Ord. 282 § 3, 1988]

8.35.030 Truck routes – Weight of vehicles.

For the purpose of this chapter, trucks are hereby designated as any vehicle exceeding three-ton capacity rating. [Ord. 282 § 4, 1988]

8.35.040 Truck routes – Deliveries.

All trucks subject to this chapter, while traveling on city streets, must stay on the truck routes designated. If it is necessary for a truck to leave the truck route to make a delivery, the driver shall go by the shortest possible route to and from the delivery point to the truck route. In no event shall the truck remain off the truck route for more than one hour. [Ord. 282 § 5, 1988]

8.35.050 Authority.

Stop signs and truck route signs may be emplaced or removed by resolution or ordinance (Vehicle Code Section 21101). [Ord. 282 § 6, 1988]

8.35.060 Violations.

Violation of any section of this chapter shall constitute an infraction. [Ord. 282 § 7, 1988]

Excerpt from California Vehicle Code:

35701. (a) Any city, or county for a residence district, may, by ordinance, prohibit the use of a street by any commercial vehicle or by any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit, except with respect to any vehicle which is subject to Sections 1031 to 1036, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code except with respect to vehicles used for the collection and transportation of garbage, rubbish, or refuse ...

(b) The ordinance shall not be effective until appropriate signs are erected indicating either the streets affected by the ordinance or the streets not affected, as the local authority determines will best serve to give notice of the ordinance.